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The agricultural offices of the KNV will divide their activities into seven groups: mechanization of agriculture, agricultural cooperatives, plant production, animal production, planning, education of agricultural personnel, and forestry production.

Research and state farms are taken care of by the research referent, who also coordinates development. The ONV divide their work into four groups: agricultural cooperatives, plant production, animal production, and planning. Only those ONV delegated by the Ministry of Forests and the Wood Industry will form work groups for forest production.

This regulation, signed by Nepomucky, Minister of Agriculture, and by Smida, Minister of Forests and the Wood Industry, became effective on 11 December 1951.

PROHIBITS SLAUGHTER OF BREEDING SHEEP -- Prague, Narodni Vybery, 15 Jan 52

As a reminder of the great importance of increasing the number of sheep in Czechoslovakia, the Ministry of Agriculture once more calls attention to its regulation which prohibits the slaughter of any sheep capable of or suitable for breeding. The MNV (Local National Committee) is empowered to permit slaughter only in exceptional cases, and then only if the animals are old or condemned because of physical condition. The slaughter prohibition applies also to lambs.

To stimulate production, sheep breeders are entitled to a 25-kilogram allotment of seed-cake for every lamb older than 14 days.

ENCOURAGE DELIVERY OF PIGSKINS -- Prague, Narodni Vybery, 15 Jan 52

The Ministry of Internal Trade has sent a circular to all KNV headquarters, stressing the importance of raw pigskins to the Czechoslovak leather industry. According to the circular, the KNV are to establish regular slaughter days in their regions to save time for animal owners. They are instructed to pay from 35 to 45 crowns per kilogram for the skins, according to quality, to encourage breeders to deliver them for purchase.

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